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TAGS: EMIN, TS
SUBJECT: TUNISIA RAISES PRICES OF PHOSPHATE, ZINC
AND LEAD ORE.

1. TUNISIAN PRESS REPORTED NOVEMBER 28 THAT BECAUSE OF LOWER WORLD PRODUCTION AND INCREASED DEMAND, MINISTRY OF NATIONAL ECONOMY HAD TRIPLED PRICE OF PHOSPHATE FROM $13 TO $39 A TON, INCREASED PRICE OF ZINC ORE 500 PER CENT TO 750 POUNDS STERLING A TON, AND DOUBLED PRICE OR LEAD ORE TO 450 POUNDS STERLING A TON.

2. WHILE TUNISIAN EXPORTS OF LEAD AND ZINC ORES ARE SMALL, PRICE INCREASE FOR TUNISIA'S ANNUAL EXPORTS OF ABOUT 400,000 METRIC TONS OF PHOSPHATE ROCK WILL RESULT IN INCREASE OF EXPORT REVENUE OF ABOUT $11 MILLION. ACCORDING TO PRESS PHOSPHATE PRICE INCREASE WILL PERMIT IMPROVEMENT IN PHOSPHATE EXPLOITATION AND FINANCIAL POSITION OF TUNISIAN MINING COMPANIES. PRESS STATES THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN PRICE OF PHOSPHATE ON TUNISIAN INTERNAL MARKET (LARGELY PHOSPHORIC ACID AND SUPERPHOSPHATE
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3. COMMENT: PHOSPHATE PRICE INCREASE OBVIOUSLY
RESULT OF RECENT, SIMILAR MOROCCAN INCREASE.
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